



2023 Christmas Tour of Homes Volunteers

On behalf of Historic Waxahachie, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your exceptional contributions as a volunteer this weekend! Your commitment to our community with this event made a significant impact and played a crucial role in the success of the 2023 Christmas Tour of Homes!



We hope you enjoyed your time with us as much as we did with you! We hope to see you throughout the year at other HWI events and next year for 2024 Christmas Tour of Homes!

Warmest regards and holiday wishes,
Cyndi Lopez-Vega
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Fantastic Christmas Home Tour 2023

The 2023 Christmas Home Tour was amazing. We broke attendance records with approximately 1,600 visitors, many of whom were from out of town and brought business to our community. The proceeds from the tour will allow HWI to continue its work throughout the community.



Thank you to our wonderful homeowners who opened their houses for the tours. These homeowners are as follows:

Travis and Deddra Edwards 105 Greenbrier St.
Emily Glidewell and Ron Finch, 504 Sycamore
Sarah and Taylor Kennedy, 318 E. University
Mike and Denise Kinney, 312 E. University
Jeff and Janice Weaver 902 Main St.

The tour was featured on Good Morning, Texas. ([Click here to see the video.](#))
The Waxahachie Sun also featured our tour. ([Click here to read the article.](#))

Thank you to everyone who played a role in the success of the tour. It could not have happened without the help and support of you, our fellow HWI members.

HWI Annual Awards

HWI presented its annual awards during the 2023 Christmas Party/Meeting. Congratulations to the following:

(1) Residential Preservation Award to Jim & Melissa Chapman, 615 N. Rogers Street - c.1885

(2) Residential Preservation Award to Michael & Denise Kinney, 312 E. University - c.1912

(3) Commercial Preservation Award to the Ellis County Museum, 201 S. College - c.1889

(4) Commercial Preservation Award to the Texas Theater - c.1939

(5) 2023 HWI Preservation Leadership Award to Jim Kauffman



West Marvin Avenue-Patrick Street National Register District Public Meeting

On Tuesday, December 12th, representatives from the Texas Historical Commission were on hand to give a presentation and answer questions

regarding the upcoming National Register District designation for W. Marvin Avenue-Patrick Street. Over 20 people were in attendance. The next stage of the project is the State Board of Review which will happen on January 13th. After which, the nomination will head to the National Park Service for final approval. HWI is proud to help our great City obtain this honorary designation. When approved, West Marvin-Patrick Street will be Waxahachie's 6th National Register District.

HWI Contributes to Sims Library Lyceum

HWI was pleased to contribute \$2,500.00 toward the replacement of the Sims Library Lyceum stage curtains. The Lyceum is such an elegant and historically significant part of Waxahachie's history with many important events having been hosted there. The curtains will ensure the Lyceum continues to be a place we can all be proud of in the future.



Membership Campaign

It's almost that time of the year to renew your HWI membership. We are very proud of our organization and so glad that you continue to be a part of it each year.

Our committees are already working hard on plans for 2024. As a valued member, we would love for you to renew your membership and help us continue to look for opportunities to ensure Waxahachie's great history is preserved and protected.

Our annual membership campaign will run from January 15th - March 31st. You can always renew online at historicwaxahachie.com/membership.

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